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**PATENT
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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit 1713
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002 (Paper No. 10), please consider the following amendment and remarks. The Amendment is timely filed on December 10, 2002, in advance of the December 11, 2002 deadline.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 6, without prejudice, as follows:

1. (Amended) A liquid composition for coating surfaces comprising about 0.01% by weight to about 2% by weight of a near infrared absorbing agent, about 20% by weight to about 60% by weight of a carrier vehicle, and about 40% by weight to about 80% by weight of a solvent system, each based on the total weight of the composition.

6. (Amended) The liquid composition for coating surfaces of claim 1, wherein the carrier vehicle is at least one of a